

Application # 10/526,417
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ATTACHMENT - REMARKS

Claims 27-47, 49-53, 55 and 57 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 27 and 45, and canceled claim 48. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 27 and 45 were objected to for including informalities. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 27 and 45 as suggested by the Examiner, thereby obviating the objection to claims 27 and 45.

Claims 45-47, 49-54 [sic], 55 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fink et al. (WO 00/55616 English Translation) (hereinafter "Fink") in view of Dines et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,499). However, claim 48 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In order to move this case forward to allowance, by this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 45 to include the subject matter of claim 48, whereby claim 45 (currently amended) corresponds to claim 48 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 45-47, 49-53, 55 and 57 now present allowable subject matter over Fink in view of Dines, as indicated in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a continuation application for the subject matter previously presented.

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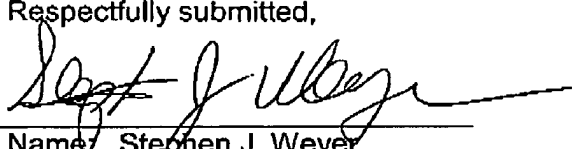
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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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